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New York's long discussed cat show

at last has come to the scratch. If Russia has got through with Japan

is it France's or Germany's turn? A flaxseed poultice is not to be compared with a good ad for drawing quali-

The strawberry shortcake is still at the coinage ratio of 16 berries to 1

Why is it that the fellow who catches no fish always catches the biggest fish stories.

Senora Cousino of Chill to worth \$200,000,000. There's a chance for some European nobleman.

Marion Crawford is said to be the handsomest novelist on earth, his features being of the pure Greek type.

The college graduate who was ambitious to be president last year is humping himself to keep out of the poorhouse Detachable sleeves, in view of the

tle while. Broken China is in great demand in Europe just now, if we may judge from the eagerness of capitalists to pick up

the pieces.

when a woman wishes to rest for a lit-

A pictessor in Johns Hopkins university says "the earth is shrinking about two inches a year." That settles it; we don't want it then.

Lillian Russell has mortgaged her New York home. From an advertising standpoint matrimony evidently does not pay big dividends.

If it costs \$443 to convert a sinner in Chicago, as a clergyman declares, revivalism must be the most profitable business in that town.

Chief Clarence of the Mosquito reservation is still luxuriating at Jamacs under British protection. He has an allowance of \$22 per day.

An Indiana couple married last week after a courtship of only thirty years What hastened the ceremony is not disclosed in our dispatches.

It will cost \$165,000 to bring the new racing yacht Defender to the starting line in the great international contest Money makes the yacht go.

A New York exchange says: "Since her marriage Nelly Bly is keeping very still indeed. Why?" Well, why not? Money talks; she doesn't have to.

As an indication of the decline of Anglomania in New York the sale of 8 \$12,000 portrait of Queen Victoria for \$113 is a loss which we can stand.

A correspondent writes that "the Riviera is part hospital and part hell." American tourists, it may be added, do not go there as a rule for hospital treatment.

The Atlanta exposition will have an immense Midway plaisance and no board of lady managers. The success of the entertainment is assured from the start.

After the 1st of September no girl is New York state can be legally married unless she is over 18 years of age. The New Jersey clergymen don't regard this as a hardship.

A dispatch from Washington says that there is a movement on foot to corner all the gold in this country, Further concealment is useless; we admit it. We've been plotting to do that for a good many years.

Violence injures the course of labor and labor itself ought to keep that faci constantly in view. The man whe counsels violence is no friend of labor and the man who begins it is generally not a laborer, but a loafer.

Bill Cook, the noted desperado, who is under a forty-five-year sentence, has been put at work making shirts in the Albany penitentiary. According to popular report Mr. Cook's previous occupation was the fitting of divers citizens for wooden overcoats. He is simply adding another line to his busi-

A Parisian dressmaker has just made for an American lady a dress, with unique sleeves, "which represent stained glass windows, the different panels being exquisitely tinted in rich subdued colors." This forecasts a de elded improvement. When the lady gets into a theater she can open some of her sleeve windows and allow the people behind her to see the play.

The Associated Press thinks worthy of note that a young woman in New Jersey, "whose only weapon was a parasol," frightened away a footpad. Why "only"? What more deadly weapon can be imagined in the hands of a woman?

Andover, Mass., claims to have a comceitor who can set type in Syriac, Arade, Turkish, Hebrew, Coptic and all the languages of Europe. That's nothing; we have a typecetting machine which when it gets cranky sputters in

SCIENCE UP TO DATE

SOME NICHES IN THE POST OF PROGRESS.

Another Self-Propelling Vehicle for Highway Travel-A Simple but Useful Contrivance—General Notes of Doings in Industrial Fields.



HE LATEST AND apparently most practical self-propelling vehicle yet produced in this country has just been perfected at Springfield, Mass., after three years of experiment. This improved motor carriage is daily traversing the road-

ways of Western Massachusetts. The total weight is 600 pounds. The wheels are rubber-tired and run on ball-bear-

The front wheels turn on their own pivot, located in the hub, the axle being firmly held by the side bars. The lever in front wholly controls the carriage. The lateral movement turns the wheels, the vertical motion starts and stops the vehicle, changes its rate of speed and also reverses its movement, driving it backward when desired. The lever connections all have ball joints, which can never become loose and cause lost motion. A brake drum of peculiar construction is placed under the seat and connected with a thumb button located at the front corner of the seat. By pressing present fad, must be very convenient the thumb upon this button, the carriage if running twelve miles an hour an be stopped within a distance of four

The variable speed ranges from three to sixteen miles an hour, the normal rates being three, six and ten miles. To obtain these different rates the motor does not change its speed. The increase is made in the gearing, which is alter nately rawhide and iron and runs quite still. To obtain greater speed than ten miles an hour, the pressing of the button at the front of the seat will increase the speed of the motor. The mechanism runs upon ball bearings wherever possible, and otherwise metaltne bearings are used, rendering oiling

unnecessary.

The motor has a driving capacity of four-horse power and is what is usually termed a gasoline motor. It is compactly located in the box of the body, w 120 pounds and is of an improved type, double cylinder and self-regulating as to work required. Peculiar and ingenious devices are employed in the mixture of gasoline with air to produce the proper quantity of gas, only a small drop of gasoline being used at one time. The gas so produced comes in contact with an electric spark, thereby producing an expansion of the air in the cylinder, which is already very much com-

pressed by the action of the piston. The cost of running this carriage is one-fourth of a cent a mile. A supply can be carried sufficient for 150 miles and can readily be replenished at any town en route.

The motor has proved entirely reliable, having been run several weeks on a test, and shows no variation in



power or speed. It is simple, will cost little to run, and business as well as pleasure purposes.

A Monkey's Caprice

The last of the famous group of pets which Frank Buckland collected at his house died Jan. 17. It was the monkey, Tiny the second, of the species Cerco pithecus mona. She was a beautiful and graceful creature, covered with a coat of handsomely shaded hair, and had been under Mrs. Buckland's care seven teen years and a half. She had the lifelong reputation of being exceedingly mischlevous, and was an accomplished thief. She led a gray parrot, which had been an inhabitant of the house for twenty-five years, a terrible life; and she was let out of her cage she played havoc with her master's papers and manuscripts. She would dash ab the room, make a clean sweep of the table, and fill her pouches with anything that appeared especially nice. Her two later companions were a gray parrot and a thoroughbred dachshund, Olga. Every morning Tiny and the dog had a game of romp, that invariably ended in the discomfiture of Olga. The dog would run around the monkey's cage, barking loudly; Tiny, inside the wires, would run around also, and when opportunity occurred, would seize the dog's ears and keep pulling at them until Olga released herself. Notwithstanding these little disagreements, the dachshund appeared to miss Tiny and went about the house as if seeking her. The parrot, too, seemed to regret the loss of the monkey, and efforts were made to cheer her drooping spirits, if possible,

See Both Ways.

Nature has enabled some animals to see objects behind them as well as in front, and that, too, without turning around. The common hare or rabbit has this power in a marked degree. Its eyes are large and prominent and placed on the side of the head. The power of rabbits and deer to see things in the rear is very noticeable in greyhound coursing, for though that species of dog is mute while on the chase, the rabbit is able to judge to a nicety the exact mo ment which will be best for "doubling on the trail. The deer, too, can run at high speed and tell just exactly when to increase its gait to full speed without once turning to measure the distance between itself and the mute pursuer.

A Study of Maya Hieroglyphics.

American students have not made much progress in Central American archaelogy as those of Europe; and it is only recently that the Peabody muently that the Per seum of Harvard university has und taken to carry on extensive and exhaes in what Mr. Mars

of hieroglyphic inscriptions of what we have knowledge. The ancient inhabi-tants of Copan, Honduras, Mr. Saville says, in his paper read before the American association, appears to have been more literary in character than even those of Palenque. There have been found there twenty-four stelae, all tars, slabs, and hieroglyphic steps in large numbers. Pottery vessels potsherds have been found bearing glyphs, either painted or engraved. se potsherds have been found in such quantities as to show that thousands of their vessels had hieroglyphic inscriptions. The inscriptions are intimately connected with the symbolism almost invariably found with them, and an understanding of the symbolic marks and ornaments will largely aid in deciphering the glyphs.

Simple but Useful.

To easily open the small door which gives egress and ingress, without being compelled to go into the pens, is to save labor, especially if it can be done from the hall or passageway. The illustration explains itself. A heavy weight closes



the opening, and is lifted up by a cord running over small pulleys, fastened from the hall.

The Coat of the Gnat.

The gnat is a tiny, tiny insect, but metimes just as annoying and hard to get rid of as our better known mosquito. In warm weather plenty of these tures are to be found in the woods and near the water, where when the proper time comes they deposit their tiny eggs, leaving them to float about in the pool until they are hatched.

Now the gnat, small as she is, has a wonderful instinct which teaches her just what is best to do in order to keep her eggs safe until they are hatched. She joins them all together, sticking them fast with a sort of glue which she furnishes herself. And she forms them into the shape of a hollow boat, which would not upset even if it got filled with water. The upper end of each egg is pointed, and they are joined with the pointed ends upward.

There are from two hundred and fifty and three hundred eggs in these little egg-boats. They are to be found upon the surface of almost any pool in sum-mer time. When the young are hatched, they come from the under side of the eggs and the empty shells still float bout on the water.

These tiny, tiny grubs are at first white, changing to a darker color, and in a few days changing again into a sort of chrysalis. In about a week this sheath bursts open and the winged mosquito or gnat comes out. It is already hungry, you may be sure, and quite ready to attack the fat legs and arms of little children who venture too near its

When we think how many thousands of these little pests are hatched out each summer we begin to be quite grateful to the birds and larger insects who make meals of them and so prevent them making meals of us.

Gave a Lion Strychnine One of Barnum & Bailey's lions recently injured his paw in such a manner that it became a kindness to kill him. A piece of meat filled with strychnine was given him. He greedily swallowed the meat with its heavy dose of poison. The onlookers expected to see the strychnine operate at once, but they were mistaken. The great brute lay down contentedly and seemed to go to sleep. For twenty minutes or so he lay Then, with no warning, he leaped high into the air and fell with a thud to the floor of his cage. He was dead by the time he struck, and had probinstant before he died.

Trout Fishing at Night.

Night fishing for trout has suddenly become the rage, and hereafter many anglers may be found beside the brook enjoying the nocturnal pastime. theory advanced by experts is that the speckled beauties wander from their fireside more safely and successfully for food in the night time. It is very plausible that in securing its victims the trout moves about with more freedom in the darkness. Hence it should pay the angler to spend a little time with his fly in the evening.

Chicago's First Ordinance.

Citizens were forbidden to let pigs vander in the streets; to "shoot off any firearms"; to steal timber from any of the bridges for firewood or other puroses: to endanger the public safety by putting a red hot stove pipe through th poard wall: to run a race horse through the principal streets; to exhibit a stallion without due consideration for pub-lic decency; to leave timber lying loose on the streets; or to throw dead animals in the river.

His Body Whirled About. George Meade, an employe of the Grand River file works, at Painesville, Ohio, was attempting to put a belt on pulley in motion and was caught and whirled around the shaft about ten times, striking a 4x10 piece of wood. breaking it in two. The injured man was rescued with his arm broken in three places and badly bruised about the body, but it is thought he will live. He

No Passports Needed.

weighs over 200 pounds.

Travelers in the United States do not eed a passport when going from one state to another, nor is their baggage opened and searched for contraband articles every time they cross a state line, as in the case when passing through Europe.

A Story of Two Humorists.

Col. Will H. Vischer, the humorist enjoys the reputation for homeliness. Speaking of his yearnings for comeli-ness, the humorist said: "When I married and had a little daughter, I had some one who really admired me. To her I was an Apollo. One day Bill Nye was in my office with me, and my little girl came in and began making love to ne, as was her way, calling me all sorts of sweet names. 'Nice papa,' said she, 'pretty papa.' Nye turned around and said in his peculiar drawl: 'Vischer, are you trying to make a humorist out of that child?''—Philadelphia Record. HAPPENINGS IN KANSAS

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO DWEL-LERS IN THE SUNFLOWER.

The Week's Review of Personal and General News Condensed to Short Paragraphs for the Convenience of Helena, Mont Hurried Readers.

Coldwater has but one barber.

The presnet fireman at the State captol building is Mr. Fuel.

Rumor has it that John Jacob Astor is to buy a racing stable.

Jerry Simpson will speak at Council Grove on the Fourth of July.

It will probably be racing on the Philadelphia track without betting. The first load of this year's crop of

alfalfa has been marketed in Garden

City. Senator Ingalls will address the old soldiers at their reunion at El Dorado

in September. Drextell, the brother to Axtell, the famous horse, shows a decided inclination to pace, and will be trained to

At the Paris salon Saturday medals of honor were awarned to Herbert's painting "The Infant Jesus Sleeping," and to Eartholdi for his marble group, "Strasburg."

The boys at Independence have grown so naughty that they write bad words on the base oall grounds fonce. Perhaps it is revenge for there being no knot holes in the boards.

Conductor A. L. Carter, in charge of a Santa Fe freight, while coupling cars caught his left hand between the bumpers and had three fingers and a thumb mashed. He was taken to Abilene, where the road's surgeon, Dr. J. W. Felty, dressed the wound. The injured man was sent on to Emporia.

A majority of the advisers of the sultan of Turkey have counselled him to agree to the propositions of the powers regarding Armenia, but the grand visier, Djezad Pasha, opposes these counsels. · His attitude is much commented upon and it is likely to lead to complications.

The latest reports show the savings deposited in the savings banks of the country to be \$,747,961,280; deposited in national banks, \$1,668,000,000, and n State banks, \$658,000,000; in loan and trust companies over \$471,000,000, making a grand total of deposits, including those of private banks, of \$4,-641,257,387.28.

John Halls, jr., and William Royce, two young men of unsavory reputation who assaulted Miss Laura Bennet and Miss Lillian Draper, were hanged to Gilbert street bridge, the scene of their crime, at Danville, Ill., at 3:30 o'clock Saturday morning, just as the first streaks of dawn were seen in the east.

In official circles in London the report that China has refused to pay an additional indemnity to Japan for the evacuation of Port Arthur and the Liao Tung peninsula is discredited. It is believed, on the contrary, that the agreement has already been signed between China, Japan, and the rowers on the basis of an extra indemity.

The pioneer graduating class of Stanford university, the class of '95. was given a reception by Mrs. Stanford in her mansion in San Francisco the government suit against the Stanford estate be decided against the estate, the university would have to be closed, and should it be long in litigation, the university resources will be much crippled.

A receiver for the Topeka Daily Capital is asked for in a suit which was commenced Monday in the United States district court. The action is brought by John E. Baker, of St. Louis, a judgment creditor, by his attorneys, Quinton & Quinton. The case will not be heard before Judge Foster, but before Judge Riner, Judge Williams, Judge Caldwell, or whichever federal judge happens to hold court zext at Topeka.

Foreman Bristow, of the State Forestry station at Ogallah, is said to be having success to a remarkable degree in starting his seedling trees. He has twenty-five acres planted which are now up and are entirely free from weeds. Among the varieties of trees are the black and honey locust, box elder, ash, osage, allanthus, soft maple, mulberry and wild cherry. A well 100 feet deep has recently been dug and a big reservoir is being constructed to hold water for irrigation paign last fall the Republicans charg-

Jadge W. B. Sutton of the State irrigation board is not only experimenting in irrigation for the State. but is making some practical experiments on his home farm on Salt creek in Russell county. He has put a centrifugai pump in the creek, laid out his ditches and is using for power the traction engine which is used with his threshing machine. The pump is simple in construction and cannot get out of order. It has a capacity of 1,250 gallons per minute.

R. H. Noel, a brakeman on the Missouri Pacific, feli under a car at Flezzing the other day, his leg being cut off at the hip. The injured man was sent to the hospital at Kansas City, but cannot recover. Noel has a wife and family at Harper, Kan.

Tuesday the Pharmaceutical association met at Leavenworth in annual session and continued its deliberations three days. About 200 druggists attended and were highly entertained by local members. Mayor Cook deered the address of welcome. Rou-Mine business followed.

Bev. Mr. Bier of Mulvane immerses his converts in Polecat creek.

The Populists at Marysville are endeavoring to secure a lecture from J. R. Sovereign.

The Comptroller of the Currency has given authority for the organization of the Continental National bank of

Atchison Globe: When a man is accused of stealing a horse, he expects a newspaper to remember that he has taken the paper ever since it started. Emporia Gazette: The Queen of the

May in Kansas this year was wakened early, but the base burner had been taken out and she flopped into bed again.

4Railway assessments in Kansas completed last week, show a slight reduction as compared with the previous year. The Pullman Company's assessment was increased.

E. C. Case of Kausas City, one of the brightest young men who has come from the state university in recent years, has been given a fellowship in palenontology at Chicago university. Governor Morrill Tuesday morning

issued an order removing William Rodgers from the board of regents of the state university in accordance with the report of the legislative committee appointed to investigate the charges preferred by Cyrus Leland. A boy named Ernest Hanelin, of

Leavenworth, was riding on a beer wagon when the team ran away and the boy was thrown out. A barrel of beer rolled off, too, falling on top of the boy and almost crushing him to death. He was mushed almost flat. He is alive but in a dangerous condition.

A. H. Randahl, formerly a minister in the Swedish Augustani church who was recently deposed by the action of the Minnesota conference at an adjourned meeting held in St. Paul March 26 and 27, has brought action to recover \$52,000 damages from Rev. S. G. Swenson, president of the academy at Moorehead, Minn. The latter is a brother of Rev. Swenson, president of Rethany college, Lindsborg, Kan.

Bert Priddy, the son of a well known farmer near Osawakie, Jefferson county, went to Topeka Thursday night, expecting to meet Miss Laura Stephy of that place and elope. The young lady did not come. Young Priddy became disconsolate, went to a hotel and went to bed. At 3 o'clock in the morning groans were heard in his room. When the door was opened he was found almost dead from a dose of rat poison. He is barely alive tonight and cannot recover.

The druggists who are attending the State Pharmacentical association elected officers Tuesday morning as follows: President, J. W. Hurst, New ton; Vice President, W. J. Evans, Iola and Ed. C. Fritsche, Leavenworth: Secretary, Mrs. M. O. Miner, Hiawatha; Assistant Secretary, Fred Mc-Donald, Topeka; Treasurer, H. W. Spangler, Perry; Librarian, Prof. L. A. Sayre, Lawrence. In the afternoon the visitors visited the soldiers home and witnessed field sport.

Recently a car load of crude oil was sent from Neodesha to Coropolis, Pa., for practical tests. These show a high grade illumination yield of 36 per cent., 150 degree flash test refined oil or 50 per cent. 110 degree test with 15 per cent. lubricant, 15 per cent Naptha on asphaltum based with Saturday. Mrs. Stanford made a short valuable by products. The plans for address in which she said that should a refinery at Neodesha are in the hands of contractors, and the building will be erected by October 1. This insures a market and opens the field. which extends from the territory line south of Sedan in a northeasterly di rection to Allen and Bourbon counties a distance of from seventy-five to 100 miles.

The State Board of Railroad Assessors completed its work and announced the figures on which the collection of taxes on railroad property in Kansas for the year 1895 will be based. The total railroad assessment has been decreased \$118,943 from the assessment of last year. The politics of the assessment is supposed to lie in the increase of the Missouri Pacific assessment by \$579.812 and the decrease of the Santa Fe by \$615,053. During the last few political campaigns the party in power has been charged with manipulating the railroad assessment in the interest of the railroad corporations which were friendly to it. The Populists charged that the Republicans always favored the Santa Fe in fixing the assessment, and when the Populists were in power they were charged with favoring the Missouri Pacific. During the camed the Missouri Pacific with assisting the Populists, and the Populists charged the Santa Fe with assisting the Republicans. The present assess ment gives color to charges of this kind. The assessors assessed each Pullman car in the State at \$6.000, instead of \$4,500 as fixed by the Populists a year ago, but the Pullman company reports \$46,608 less property in Kansas than a year ago. The tabulated assessment of Pullman property shows that it is assessed \$32,753 more last year, but in reality there is a decrease in this assessment of \$3,226.

The Minneapolis Messenger says that a stockman brought a two-line local to that office last week which he wanted run in the paper one week, and had the gall to ask it to take a horse as payment.

While attempting to steal a ride, John W. Cosgrove, 60 years old, was killed on the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis road at Spring Hill. His remains will be sent to his brother, J. F. Cosgrove, residing at Bryan, O.

H. S. Garrett has been appointed postmaster at Nance, Phillips county, vice C. D. Gould, resigned.

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